

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5589

As Passed House:
April 5, 2011

Title: An act relating to heavy haul industrial corridors.

Brief Description: Addressing heavy haul industrial corridors.

Sponsors: Senator Morton.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 3/10/11, 3/22/11 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 4/5/11, 96-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Extends the State Route 97 (SR 97) heavy-haul industrial corridor by one-tenth of a mile.
- Increases the maximum weight allowed on the SR 97 heavy-haul industrial corridor by 2,206 pounds.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 29 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Billig, Vice Chair; Liias, Vice Chair; Armstrong, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Angel, Asay, Eddy, Finn, Fitzgibbon, Jinkins, Johnson, Klippert, Kristiansen, Ladenburg, McCune, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Overstreet, Reykdal, Rivers, Rodne, Rolfes, Ryu, Shea, Takko, Upthegrove and Zeiger.

Staff: Christie Parker (786-7322).

Background:

State law allows the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to identify short, heavy-haul industrial corridors on state highways within port district property. These corridors allow for the movement of overweight sealed containers used in international trade.

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The maximum gross vehicle weight allowed on these corridors is 105,500 pounds. The heavier weight limits are authorized through a permit issued by the WSDOT Commercial Vehicle Services. Permits cost \$100 per month or \$1,000 per year.

The 2008 Legislature designated State Route 97 (SR 97) from the Canadian border to milepost 331.22 as a heavy-haul industrial corridor to allow overweight vehicles to be moved to and from the Oroville railhead. The maximum weight allowed on this route is 137,788 pounds.

Summary of Bill:

The heavy-haul industrial corridor on SR 97 is extended by one-tenth of a mile to milepost 331.12. The maximum weight limit allowed on this corridor is increased by 2,206 pounds to a total weight of 139,994 pounds.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This road was paved one year ago. Canadian trucks are heavier than American trucks. This bill will help commerce.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Senator Morton, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.